

Exploring the Certified
Currency Plate Proofs:

Gold Certificates
Census Summary

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I would include "Currency" in the quote below:

There is nothing more fascinating than collecting coins, all history is summed up in them...they are the story of humanity.

W.H. Valentine (1856-1927)

Thank you again for making this possible!

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The museum has a program called the Friends of the NNC that provide funds to various digitization and education projects that are a priority for the numismatic community and the department.

If you would like more information about the program you can find it here: <http://americanhistory.si.edu/giving/friends-of-numismatics>

Please contact me at Chris@CurrencyProofs.com with feedback.

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Overview of the Smithsonian's 2014 "Rapid Capture" digitization program.

The National Numismatic Collection began a pioneering "Rapid Capture" digitization process in October 2014. The project was designed to digitize the certified proof sheets from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing collection. The proofs were transferred to the National Numismatic Collection from the 1960s and 1980s. The scanning process utilized a conveyor belt system with a huge 80 megapixel image camera to capture the items as quickly as possible. The process was much more effective compared to the older way using just a flatbed scanner. The Rapid Capture group photographed around 3,500 sheets daily. It cost less than a dollar a sheet. It was completed in only four and a half months. This project establishes a valuable resource for currency researcher and students.

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GOLD CERTIFICATE PLATE PROOF CENSUS

Gold certificates were used from 1863 to 1933. They were in the U.S. as a form of paper currency. Each certificate granted the holder title to an equal amount of gold coin. It was set at \$20.67 per troy ounce. (from the Coinage Act of 1834) It was supposed to represent true gold coinage.

FRONT	1863 1st Issue	1863 2nd Issue	1882	1888	1890	1905	1906	1907	1913	1922 [1x4]	1922 [2x4]
\$10								742		87	422
\$20	7					52	485				
\$50			51						28	50	
\$100	5		56							40	
\$500	1	1	11							5	
\$1,000	1	1	13					12		2	
\$5,000	3	1	20	7							
\$10,000	1	1	20	8	14						



Series of 1863, First Issue, \$20



Tint, \$20



Unfinished plate



"at this office"



"to the bearer", New York



Assistant signature engraved

GOLD CERTIFICATE PLATE PROOF CENSUS

Series of 1863, First Issue, High Values



\$500



\$1,000



\$5,000



\$5,000



\$10,000

Series of 1863, Second Issue, High Values



\$500



\$1,000



\$5,000



\$10,000

Series of 1882, Countersigned, New York, Assistant signature engraved



Series of 1882, Countersigned, New York or Washington, line for signature



\$50



\$100



\$500



\$1,000



\$5,000



\$10,000

GOLD CERTIFICATE PLATE PROOF CENSUS

Series of 1882, Washington, with date, Sept. 1st, 1882, Two signatures



\$50



\$100



\$500



\$1,000



\$5,000



\$10,000

Proof showing pencil note to remove date:

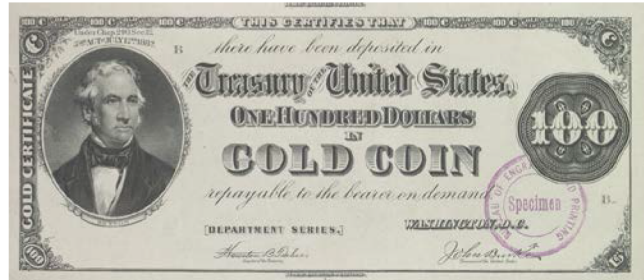


GOLD CERTIFICATE PLATE PROOF CENSUS

Series of 1882, Altered to Washington, D.C. (Sept. 1st, 1882 removed), Two signatures



\$50



\$100



\$500



\$1,000



\$5,000



\$10,000

Series of 1888, \$5,000, New York, [Two Plate numbers altered 7 times]
 [3 subject plates, 1x3 layout, A, B & C]



\$5,000



Series of 1888, close-up



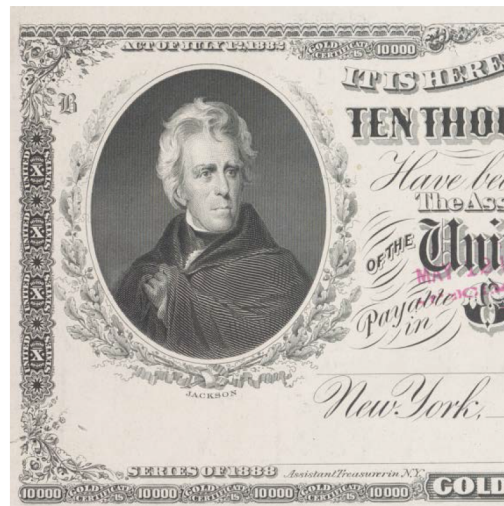
New York removed:

\$5,000

Series of 1888, \$10,000, New York, [Two Plate numbers altered 7 times]



\$10,000



Series of 1888, close-up



New York removed:

GOLD CERTIFICATE PLATE PROOF CENSUS

Series of 1900, \$10,000, [3 subject plates, 1x3 layout, A, B & C]

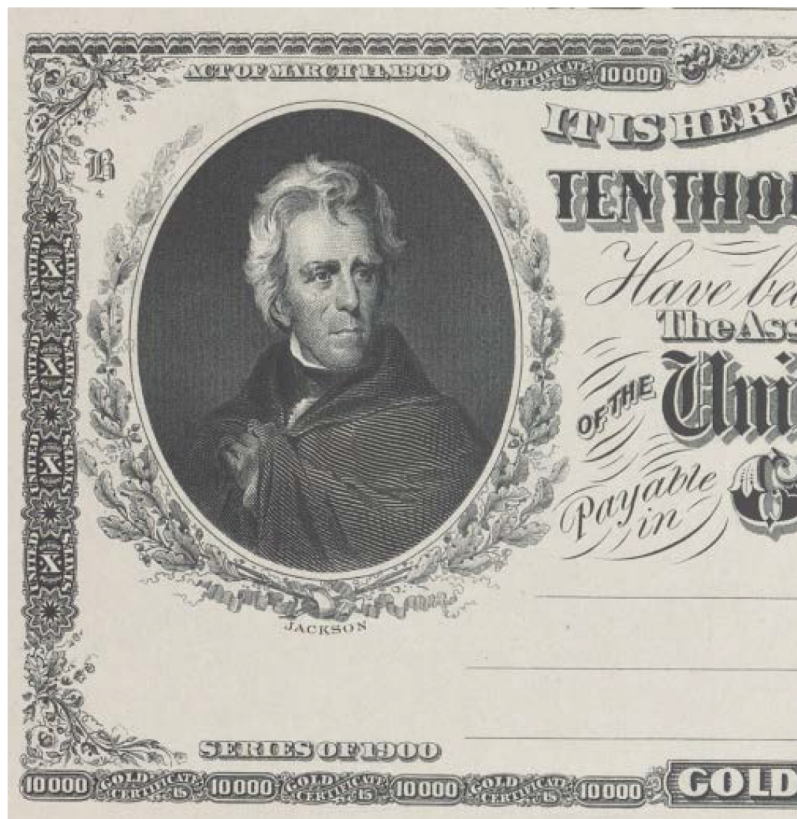
("It Is Hereby Certified That" looks similar to Third Issue, Series of 1875)



\$10,000 190_



19__



Series of 1900, close-up

GOLD CERTIFICATES

Series of 1907, Vernon/Treat, First Plate with shading in "1000"



\$1,000

Series of 1907, "1000" changed and shading removed



\$1,000

Series of 1913



\$50

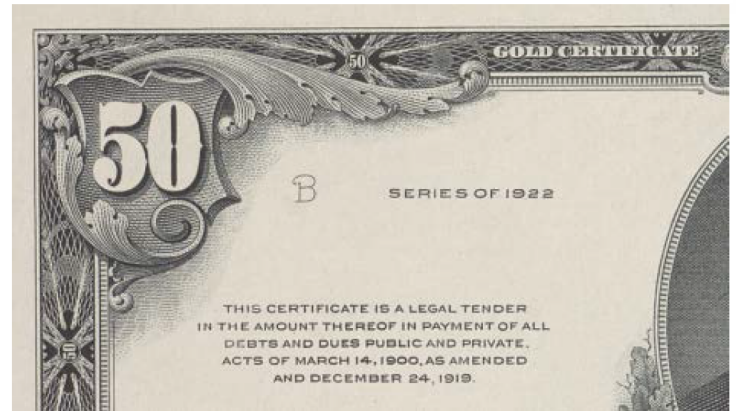


Close-up

Series of 1922



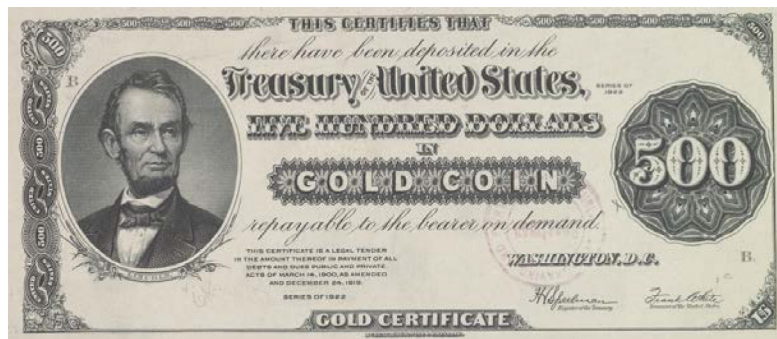
\$50



Close-up



\$100



\$500



\$1,000

GOLD CERTIFICATE PLATE PROOF CENSUS - BACKS

Reverse Plate Census

REVERSE	1863 1st Issue	1863 2nd Issue	1882	1905	1906	1907-17	1913-17	1922 [1x4]	1922 [2x4]
\$10								248	257
\$20	4		66	18	25	97		30*	196
\$50			20				16		16
\$100	5		11					23	
\$500	1		4			4			
\$1,000	1		2			4			
\$5,000	3		2						
\$10,000			3						

* 1922, altered earlier plates, dated 1923, 2 stars added.

Series of 1863, Backs



\$20



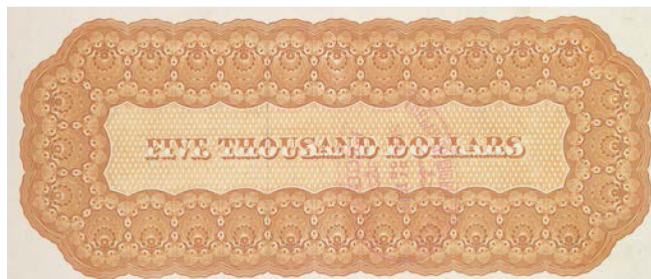
\$100



\$500



\$1,000



\$5,000

GOLD CERTIFICATES

Tint/Wash Plate Census

Tint/Wash 2nd-3rd Issue 1870-75		59 plates
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Tint/Wash 2nd-3rd Issue 1870-75 [High Values]		2 Green, 2 Gold
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Tint/Wash, \$20, 4th Issue		15 plates
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GOLD CERTIFICATES - BACKS

Series of 1882



\$20



\$50



\$100



\$500



\$1,000



\$5,000



\$10,000

GOLD CERTIFICATES - BACKS

1905



\$20

1906



\$20

1907



\$10



4 subjects



8 subjects



\$20



\$1,000

GOLD CERTIFICATES – BACKS

1913



1922



\$10



\$20



\$50



\$100



\$500

No Certified Plate for 1922 for \$1,000 and \$5,000 (had supply?)

GOLD CERTIFICATES – Signature Combinations

Gold \$10 – Fourth Issue+ Signature Combination Census		Total: 1,251
Year	Signature Combinations	No. of Plates
1907	Vernon/Treat	133
1907	Vernon/McClung	90
1907	Napier/McClung [Act of 1882]	105
1907	Napier/McClung [Act of 1907]	43
1907	Napier/McClung [Total]	148
1907	Napier/Thompson [Act of 1882]	7
1907	Napier/Thompson [Act of 1907]	10+1 without
1907	Napier/Thompson [Total]	18
1907	Parker/Burke	101
1907	TeeHee/Burke	252
1922	Speelman/White 1x4 Layout [4 Subject Hand Press]	87
1922	Speelman/White 2x4 Layout [8 Subject Power Press]	422
1922	Speelman/White [Total]	509



\$10



Close-up



\$10 Reverse

GOLD CERTIFICATES – Signature Combinations

Gold \$20 - Fourth+ () Signature Combo Census		Total: 123
Year	Signature Combinations	No. of Plates
1882	Bruce/Gilfillan - Washington, Date	3
1882	Bruce/Gilfillan (countersignature)	0
1882	Bruce/Wyman - Washington, Date	8
1882	Rosecrans/Huston - Washington, D. C. [1 without "D.C."]	2
1882	Lyons/Roberts - Washington, D.C.]	110



\$20



Reverse



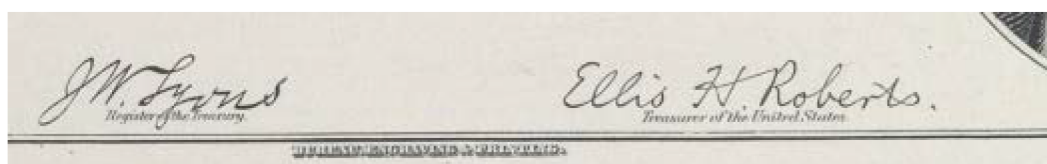
Bruce/Gilfillan



Bruce/Wyman



Rosecrans/Huston



Lyons/Roberts

GOLD CERTIFICATES – Signature Combinations

Gold \$20 - Fifth Issue+ Signature Combo Census				Total: 1055
Year	Signature Combinations			No. of Plates
1905	Lyons/Roberts			23
1905	Lyons/Treat			29
1906	Vernon/Treat			100
1906	Vernon/McClung			61
1906	Napier/McClung			82
1906	Napier/Thompson			16
1906	Parker/Burke			114
1906	TeeHee/Burke			112
1922	Speelman/White	1x4 Layout	[4 Subject Hand Press]	141
1922	Speelman/White	2x4 Layout	[8 Subject Power Press]	377
1922	Speelman/White	[Total]		518



\$20



Tint



Reverse



Lyons/Roberts



Lyons/Treat



Vernon/Treat



Vernon/McClung



Napier/McClung



Napier/Thompson



Parker/Burke



TeeHee/Burke



Speelman/White

GOLD CERTIFICATES

Small Size Notes, 12 subjects, 2x6 layout

FRONT	1928	1928A	1934
\$10	201	14	
\$20	132	22	
\$50	52		
\$100	27		4
\$500	0		
\$1,000	0		4
\$5,000	0		
\$10,000	0		4
100,000			1

1928 Woods/Mellon



\$10



\$20



\$50



\$100

1928-A Woods/Mills



\$10



\$20

1934 Julian/Morgenthau



\$100



\$1,000



\$10,000



\$100,000

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Loan Act of March 3, 1865
War Bonds 1890s
Civil War Bonds
Panama Canal Loans
Early Food Stamps
Philippines Treasury Certificate Victory Series
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